

Electrostate parody

ČEZ, with its €1.5bn war chest for solar power, announced a major project yesterday for balancing the grid during optimal climatic periods (meaning the 3-4 weeks of the year when the sun actually shines in the CR). ČEZ will use load balancing to dispose of its excess electricity from coal and nuclear production when its solar plants are humming along. "We looked at pumped-storage and other established technologies for balancing supply and demand," said CEO Martin Roman, "but we decided to award a no-bid contract to Škoda Power to build a large outdoor refrigeration plant. Basically, we're going to construct a big freezer and leave the door open. We'll achieve two things. First, we'll maximize our profits by not having to disconnect any of our solar plants. If the state's going to pay the generous solar subsidy anyway, our shareholders should get most of it, right? And second, cooling the atmosphere will reduce global warming." The Tripartite Council was delighted with the idea, because of all the jobs it would create.



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